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Rats—Protection Against, at Ports. (Reg. Bd. of H., Feb. 25, 1913.)

Sanitary code amended by inserting after the article 11, as it at present reads, and as separate sentences, or paragraphs, following the last words of said article 11 as it now reads, to wit:

(a) No vessel shall come into any port in this State to land or to dock unless the said vessel shall be fended away from such landing, wharf, or dock for a distance of at least 4 feet, and every hawser, line, rope, or other means of staying said vessel to such wharf, port, or dock shall be provided with a rat shield or guard, properly attached to such line, hawser, or rope, which rat shield shall be of a pattern approved by the board of health of the State of Louisiana and shall be so designed and constructed, and shall be so used as to effectually prevent the egress of rats and rodents from such vessels to such wharves, docks, or landings.

(b) No gang plank, staging, ladder, skids, or other device whatsoever whereby rats and rodents may find egress from a vessel to such wharf, dock, or landing shall be ever allowed to extend from any vessel in communication with such wharf, landing, or dock except only during such times as such vessel is actually engaged in discharging or receiving cargo and at the time of loading or discharging cargo only when the master, owner, or agent of said vessel shall have stationed at every gang plank, and within 5 feet of the same, a person whose duty it shall be to prevent rats and rodents from reaching such wharf, dock, or landing from said vessel.

(c) While not actually in use all such staging, gang planks, and other devices and means of egress for rats and rodents from vessels to shore shall be so removed as to positively cut off all communication from such vessel to the dock, landing, or wharf.

(d) No freight so packed, or crated, as to allow the harboring of rats or rodents shall be removed from any vessel until the same shall have been examined and inspected by this board so as to insure the absence of rats and rodents from such freight.

(e) By "vessel" in the foregoing paragraphs is meant any boat engaged in traffic or the carrying of freight; by "wharf," "dock," and "landing" is embraced any place where a vessel may land her cargo, discharge or take on the same or receive or disembark passengers, whether the same be the natural shores of the seas, lakes, gulf, or other body of water, or the banks of a stream or river, or whether the same be an artificial structure erected for the convenience of commerce.

Embalming. (Amendments to Sanitary Code, Bd. of H., Feb. 26, 1913.)

Article No. 99.—After paragraph 8 insert a new paragraph.

9. No dead human body requiring embalming under these rules shall be accepted for transportation unless said body has been embalmed at least 8 hours.

Make paragraph No. 9 No. 10.

Article No. 105.—Strike out paragraph No. 3 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

3. The application shall be accompanied with a fee of \$10, which shall entitle the applicant to an examination as to his or her qualifications, and to a certificate should he or she pass said examination.

The above-mentioned fee, \$10, will include the first annual fee or fractional part thereof for the year in which the said certificate is issued.

Strike out article No. 108 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

108. All certificates shall expire December 31 of each year and must be renewed by the payment of \$2.50 within 30 days after the expiration of the term of the certificate.

Article No. 109.—Strike out paragraph 2 of article 109 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2. Members of board of examiners for embalmer's certificate shall not issue temporary permit to practice embalming in this State.

Article No. 110.—After paragraph (b) add the following:

(c) Pending a renewal of license no licensed embalmer shall practice the science of embalming.

(d) An employee, student, apprentice, helper, undertaker, funeral director, or any other person who is not the holder of a license issued by this board, shall not attempt to practice embalming, in any of its branches, unless a duly licensed embalmer is actually present during the entire operation, and the embalming is done under such licensed embalmer's personal directions and supervision.

Swimming Pools—Regulation of. (Amendment to Sanitary Code, Bd. of H., Feb. 26, 1913.)

ARTICLE 590 (a). It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, or corporation to conduct, manage, or maintain any natatorium, swimming pool, or tank in any town, city, or parish, State of Louisiana, or for any person to bathe in or use any such natatorium, swimming pool, or tank without complying with all the rules and regulations for the protection and safety of the health and lives of the patrons of such natatorium, pool, or tank. In incorporated municipalities the municipal health officer shall be responsible for the enforcement of these regulations, with the parish health officer responsible for the remainder of the parish, under the direction of the State board of health.

(b) All inclosed pools or tanks, with nonporous bottoms, shall be thoroughly cleaned at least once each week, with soap or lye and hot water and, when necessary, an additional cleaning with bichloride of mercury or carbolic acid solution, or other disinfectant, as the health department may direct, and all such pools or tanks shall be emptied and the water therein completely changed at least twice each week.

(c) All pools or tanks, with constantly running water and porous bottoms, must also have sufficient outlet pipes to insure adequate change of water, and at all times be maintained in a sanitary condition.

(d) The bottoms and sloping sides of all tanks or pools shall be white, so that objects may be clearly seen, so far as possible, in all portions of the pool or tank.

(e) The management of all natatoriums, swimming pools, and tanks shall provide a sufficient number of attendants, instructors, and life-savers, with qualifications and training sufficient to enable them, in case of necessity, to protect and save the lives of those using such pools or tanks: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to clubs and athletic institutions patronized by members only: *Provided, however*, That such institutions shall have attendants and swimming instructors on duty at all times while women and children, under the age of 15 years, are using the pools or tanks therein, whether open to the public generally or not, unless accompanied by a parent or other mature and responsible person.

(f) No intoxicated person or one afflicted with scabies, favus, syphilis, gonorrhea, tuberculosis, eye trouble, or any other infectious or contagious disease, shall use or be permitted to use any swimming pool or tank.

(g) All persons, before entering any swimming pool or tank, shall be required to thoroughly cleanse the body, through the use of shower bath or other similar device maintained and used for such purpose.

(h) Separate apartments shall be provided for the sexes, with ample lavatory and toilet (water-closet) facilities.

(i) No person shall use or be permitted to use any pool or tank while the same is being emptied or refilled, or while the same is empty, and no patron shall be allowed in or about the same at such time.

(j) All chutes, constructed in or above any swimming pool or tank, shall be constructed in a safe and proper manner, and no person shall slide down such while in a standing or kneeling position.